

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-6, and 9-16 are all the claims currently pending in the application.
Claims 11-16 have been withdrawn from consideration.

As an initial matter, the recitations of claim 2 have been added to claim 1. Furthermore, the recitations of claim 7 have been added to claim 6. Applicant notes that although claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form, several recitations of original claim 1 are not included in independent claim 6. Claims 2 and 7 have been canceled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and confirming receipt of the priority document. Applicant notes that the priority documents were submitted in the present Appln. No. 10/032,065, which is a continuation of PCT/DK00/00357.

Drawings

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The Examiner has objected to Figures 6-12, requiring the individual views to be separately labeled. As such, Applicant has amended Figs. 6-12 (Sheets 8-15) accordingly. In addition, the specification has been amended so that it is consistent with the drawing amendments. Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection in view of these amendments.

The Examiner also alleged that reference signs 152 and 153 are not shown in the drawings. Applicant, however, requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection in view of the fact that at least original Fig. 9b and 9d show these features. Applicants note that Fig. 9d has been amended, as discussed above, so that the two views have been labeled Fig. 9d(1) and Fig. 9d(2).

Title

The Examiner has objected to the title. In response, Applicant has amended the title and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Specification, alleging minor informalities. Applicant has amended the Specification as requested and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 2, 6, and 10 because of several minor informalities. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection in view of the amendments made to the claims.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite. Although Applicant disagrees with these rejections, as a path of least resistance, Applicant has made several amendments to the claims. Since these amendments do not narrow the claim scope, no estoppel is inflicted.

With respect to the recitation "hair-needle like shape" in original claim 2, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite --hair-needle shape--.

With respect to the recitations of "distinct", claim 3 has been amended so that it is clear that the configuration of bar members has "distinct pairs of outer bar members, each of the outer

bar members having ends secured in a distinct set of mounting holes, which are positioned in the base along a common line transverse to said common plane”.

With respect to the recitation “most extreme” in claim 4, Applicant has amended claim 4 to recite --outer--.

With respect to the recitation “relatively shallow” in claim 8, Applicants have amended the claim to recite --shallow--.

With respect to the recitation “recess means” in claim 8, Applicants have amended the claim to recite “a recess.”

With respect to the recitation “engagement means” in canceled claim 7 (which has been incorporated into claim 6), Applicants note that the antecedent basis for this term is in claim 6.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 5 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and for indicating that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant holds in abeyance the rewriting of claim 5 until the Examiner has had the chance to consider the remarks below with respect to amended independent claim 1.

Furthermore, as is discussed above, Applicant notes that claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form, with several recitations of original claim 1 not included. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow amended claim 1 at least because none of the cited

references teaches or suggests a glove holding member in combination with a mounting means and an engagement means, as is discussed by the Examiner at Page 9 of the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 (Paper No. 9).

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to allow claims 8-10 at least because of their dependency from claim 6.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102 and §103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Bader (US 5,125,169). Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Sawyer (US 3,133,682). Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Denhofer (US 3,166,439). Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Marsalona (US 4,689,897). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marsalona in view of Sisson (US 5,230,357).

With respect to amended independent claim 1, none of the cited references teaches or suggests all of the claimed recitations. For example, none of the references teaches or suggests the claimed glove holding member having a configuration of bar members, each bar member being formed from *a single piece of wire material having ends secured in two mounting holes* provided in said base and being bent into a hair-needle shape.

For example, Sawyer merely teaches a glove rack with a wire configuration made up of a single twisted wire shaped like a hand. Sawyer at Fig. 1. Sawyer does not teach or suggest that the configuration has multiple bar members, each with ends secured to mounting holes.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 1 and to withdraw the rejection of claims 3 and 4 at least because of their dependency from claim 1.

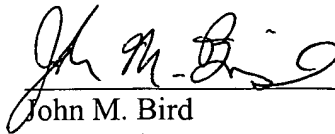
With respect to claim 6, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow claim 6 for the reasons discussed above with respect to the Allowable Subject Matter.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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